

# *Strathmore Union Elementary School District*

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August 29, 2006

Letter of Appeal  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: CC Docket No. 02-6 - Request for Review**

Appeal to Form 471 Application # 460299

Funding Year 2005 – 7/01/2005 – 06/30/2006

Entity # 143900

Billed Entity FCC RN:

Application's Form Identifier: StrathYr8-1

Decision – FRN was denied for failure to advise bidders that and RFP was issued. An RFP was issued and the Form 470 advised potential bidders that no RFP existed.

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

The Strathmore Union Elementary School District is appealing the denial for the following FRNs. The appeal was untimely filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) due to limited staffing, negotiations, budgeting, and summer projects by a few days. USAC with expedited response denied this appeal. As indicated in the USAC response the Strathmore Union Elementary School District may yet appeal the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) if there is basis for further examination. Further examination, by timely filing with the FCC can preclude that the initial denial of the below FRNs was due to a minor technical error on behalf the district. Your consideration is appreciated.

FRN # 1285820 – Internet Access  
Form 470 Application #104850000517994  
SPIN-143007965

FRN # 1285827 – Basic Maintenance of Internal Connection  
Form 470 Application #104850000517994  
SPIN-143007965

FRN # 1285833 – Internal Connections  
Form 470 Application #104850000517994  
SPIN-143007965

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Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by

Phone: 559-568-1283 Ext. 205

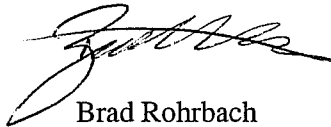
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e-mail: [brohrbach@suesd.k12.ca.us](mailto:brohrbach@suesd.k12.ca.us)

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Brad Rohrbach  
Business Manager



**Universal Service Administrative Company**  
Schools & Libraries Division

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006**

August 15, 2006

Brad Rohrbach  
Strathmore Union Elementary School District  
19811 Orange Belt Drive  
P.O. Box 247  
Strathmore, CA 93267

Re: Applicant Name:	STRATHMORE UNION ELEM SCH DIST
Billed Entity Number:	143900
Form 471 Application Number:	460299
Funding Request Number(s):	1285820, 1285827, 1285833
Decision Letter Date:	May 08, 2006
Date Appeal Postmarked:	July 19, 2006
Your Correspondence Dated:	July 19, 2006

Our records show that your appeal was postmarked more than 60 days after the date your Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued, as shown above. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to postmark appeals within 60 days of the date on the decision letter being appealed. FCC rules do not permit the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to consider your appeal.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be POSTMARKED within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

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July 19, 2006

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Schools & Libraries Division  
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, New Jersey 07981

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Please consider our appeal as presented as the intent of the District is to follow the guidelines established.

Due to end of year negotiations, budgeting, and summer schedules this letter is arriving late, however it is our understanding from Universal Service Administrative Company phone call with Ashley (Case # 21-444596 on 7/13/06) that the District may continue to submit an appeal and receive a review.

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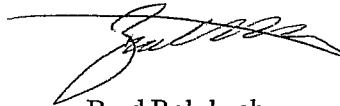
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***In the Superior Court of the State of  
California  
In and for the County of Tulare***

**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION**

**Public Notices**

NOTICE IS hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Strathmore Union Elementary School District, 19811 Orange Belt Drive, Strathmore, CA on behalf of the District Governing Board until Monday, January 3rd, 2005 at which time request for proposals (RFPs) will be opened for Continued maintenance and upgrade to existing Internet systems and electronics to various Classrooms and offices located at Strathmore Elementary and Middle Schools. Potential vendors must participate in a mandatory site inspection on Monday December 20th at 8:30 A.M. The contact address is: Strathmore Union Elementary School District, 19811 Orange Belt Drive, Strathmore, CA 93267. The contractor(s) shall provide all labor and materials necessary for the upkeep of the Internet system. Work shall not commence before July 1, 2005. All work is subject to funding by the School and Library Program of the Universal Service Administrative Company. All Proposals must be received by the District on or before January 3, 2005.

Dec: 14, 16

State of California

County of Tulare

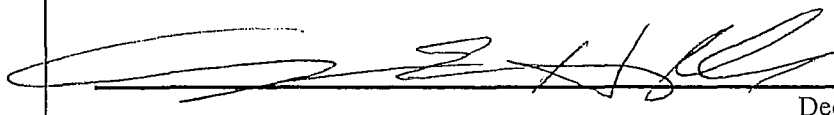
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SS.

Declarant says:

That at all times herein mentioned Declarant is and was a resident of said County of Tulare, over the age of twenty-one years; not a party to nor interested in the within matter; that Declarant is now and was at all times herein mentioned the Principal Clerk of the Porterville Recorder, a daily newspaper, which said newspaper was adjudged a newspaper of general circulation on October 15, 1951, by Superior Court Order No. 42369 as entered in Book 57 Page 384 of said Court; and that said newspaper is printed and published every day except Sunday in said City of Porterville in said County of Tulare and that Sealed Proposals was published in said newspaper December 14, 16, 2004 and that such publication was made in the regular issues of said paper (and not in any supplemental edition or extra thereof).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on January 3, 2005 at Porterville, California.

  
Declarant

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# Schools and Libraries Universal Service Description of Services Requested and Certification Form

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 4.0 hour

This form is designed to help you describe the eligible telecommunications-related services you seek so that this data can be posted on the Fund Administrator website and interested service providers can identify you as a potential customer and compete to serve you.

Please read instructions before beginning this application.

(To be completed by entity that will negotiate with providers)

## Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications

Form 470 Application Number: 104850000517994
Applicant's Form Identifier: SUESDYR8TC
Application Status: CERTIFIED
Posting Date: 12/09/2004
Allowable Contract Date: 01/06/2005
Certification Received Date: 12/14/2004

1. Name of Applicant: STRATHMORE UNION ELEM SCH DIST		
2. Funding Year: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006	3. Your Entity Number 143900	
4a. Applicant's Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number 23024 AVENUE 198		
City STRATHMORE	State CA	Zip Code 93267
b. Telephone number (209) 568- 2118	c. Fax number (209) 568- 1262	
d. E-mail Address		
5. Type Of Applicant		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual School (individual public or non-public school)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School District (LEA;public or non-public[e.g., diocesan] local district representing multiple schools)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library (including library system, library branch, or library consortium applying as a library)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consortium (intermediate service agencies, states, state networks, special consortia)		
6a. Contact Person's Name: Brad Rohrbach		
First, fill in every item of the Contact Person's information below that is different from Item 4, above. Then check the box next to the preferred mode of contact. (At least one box <b>MUST</b> be checked.)		
6b. Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19811 Orange Belt Drive		
City STRATHMORE	State CA	Zip Code 93267
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6c. Telephone Number (559) 568- 1283		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6d. Fax Number (559) 568- 1262		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6e. E-mail Address brohrbach@suesd.k12.ca.us		

## Block 2. Summary Description of Needs or Services Requested

**7 This Form 470 describes (check all that apply):**

- a. ☒ Tariffed services - telecommunications services, purchased at regulated prices, for which the applicant has no signed, written contract. A new Form 470 must be filed for tariffed services for each funding year.
- b. ☒ Month-to-month services for which the applicant has no signed, written contract. A new Form 470 must be filed for these services for each funding year.
- c. ☒ Services for which a new written contract is sought for the funding year in Item 2.
- d. ☒ A multi-year contract signed on or before 7/10/97 but for which no Form 470 has been filed in a previous program year.

**NOTE: Services that are covered by a signed, written contract executed pursuant to posting of a Form 470 in a previous program year OR a contract signed on/before 7/10/97 and reported on a Form 470 in a previous year as an existing contract do NOT require filing of a Form 470.**

**What kinds of service are you seeking: Telecommunications Services, Internet Access, or Internal Connections? Refer to the Eligible Services List at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org) for examples. Check the relevant category or categories (8, 9, and/or 10 below), and answer the questions in each category you select.**

**8 ☒ Telecommunications Services**

***Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking ?***

- a. ☒ **YES**, I have an RFP. It is available on the Web at or via (check one):  
☒ the Contact Person in Item 6 or ☐ the contact listed in Item 11.

- b. ☐ **NO**, I do not have an RFP for these services.

**If you answered NO**, you must list below the Telecommunications Services you seek. Specify each **service or function** (e.g., local voice service) and quantity and/or capacity (e.g., 20 existing lines plus 10 new ones). See the Eligible Services List at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org) for examples of eligible Telecommunications Services. Remember that only eligible telecommunications providers can provide these services under the universal service support mechanism. Add additional lines if needed.

Service or Function:	Quantity and/or Capacity:
Local Telephone Service	13 existing lines; 3 additional
Long Distance Service	13 existing lines; 3 additional
WAN Data Service	2 existing T-1 lines; 1 additional
Cellular Phone Service	20 existing lines; 4 additional

**9 ☒ Internet Access**

***Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking ?***

- a. ☒ **YES**, I have an RFP. It is available on the Web at or via (check one):  
☒ the Contact Person in Item 6 or ☐ the contact listed in Item 11.

- b. ☐ **NO**, I do not have an RFP for these services.

**If you answered NO**, you must list below the Internet Access Services you seek. Specify each **service or function** (e.g., monthly Internet service) and quantity and/or capacity (e.g., for 500 users). See the Eligible Services List at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org) for examples of eligible Internet Access services. Add additional lines if needed.

Service or Function:	Quantity and/or Capacity:
T-1 Internet Access	1 existing T-1; 1 additional T-1 to provide redundancy, hosting



**10 ☒ Internal Connection****Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking ?****a ☒ YES, I have an RFP. It is available on the Web at or via (check one):**☒ the Contact Person in Item 6 or ☐ the contact listed in Item 11.**b ☒ NO, I do not have an RFP for these services.**

If you answered NO, you must list below the Internal Connections Services you seek. Specify each service or function (e.g., local area network) and quantity and/or capacity (e.g., connecting 10 rooms and 300 computers at 56kbps or better). See the Eligible Services List at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org) for examples of eligible Internal Connections services. Add additional lines if needed.

**Service or Function:****Quantity and/or Capacity:**

Basic maintenance of all eligible components

Basic maintenance of all eligible network electronics and cabling, 4 Web/E-mail/DHCP/DNS Servers, Switches, Routers, PBX, Wireless LAN, and Video Distribution System

**11 (Optional)** Please name the person on your staff or project who can provide additional technical details or answer specific questions from service providers about the services you are seeking. This need not be the contact person listed in Item 6 nor the signer of this form.

Name:

Title:

Telephone number

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Fax number

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E-mail Address

**12. ☒** Check here if there are any restrictions imposed by state or local laws or regulations on how or when providers may contact you or on other bidding procedures. Please describe below any such restrictions or procedures, and/or provide Web address where they are posted and a contact name and telephone number for service providers without Internet access.

**All state and local bid requirements apply. Must attend mandatory site inspection on Monday, December 20th, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. Please meet at the District Office - 19811 Orange Belt Drive.**

**13.** If you intend to enter into a multi-year contract based on this posting or a contract featuring an option for voluntary extensions you may provide that information below. If you have plans to purchase additional services in future years, or expect to seek new contracts for existing services, summarize below (including the likely timeframes).

**Block 3: Technology Assessment**

**14. ☒ Basic telephone service only:** If your application is for basic local and long distance telephone service (wireline or wireless) only, check this box and skip to Item 16.

**15.** Although the following services and facilities are ineligible for support, they are usually necessary to make effective use of the eligible services requested in this application. Unless you indicated in Item 14 that your application is ONLY for basic telephone service, you must check at least one box in (a) through (e). You may provide details for purchases being sought.

**a.** Desktop software: Software required ☒ has been purchased; and/or ☐ is being sought.

**b.** Electrical systems: ☒ adequate electrical capacity is in place or has already been arranged; and/or ☐ upgrading for additional electrical capacity is being sought.

- c. Computers: a sufficient quantity of computers ☒ has been purchased; and/or ☐ is being sought.
- d. Computer hardware maintenance: adequate arrangements ☒ have been made; and/or ☐ are being sought.
- e. Staff development: ☒ all staff have had an appropriate level of training /additional training has already been scheduled; and/or ☐ training is being sought.
- f. Additional details: Use this space to provide additional details to help providers to identify the services you desire.

#### Block 4: Recipients of Service

##### 16. Eligible Entities That Will Receive Services:

Check the ONE choice (a,b or c) that best describes this application and the eligible entities that will receive the services described in this application. You will then list in Item 17 the entity/entities that will pay the bills for these services.

- a. ☒ Individual school or single-site library.
- b. ☒ Statewide application for (enter 2-letter state code) representing (check all that apply):
- ☐ All public schools/districts in the state:
  - ☐ All non-public schools in the state:
  - ☐ All libraries in the state:

If your statewide application includes INELIGIBLE entities, check here. ☐ If checked, complete Item 18.

- c. ☒ School district, library system, or consortium application to serve multiple eligible entities:

Number of eligible sites	2
<i>For these eligible sites, please provide the following</i>	
Area Codes (list each unique area code)	Prefixes associated with each area code (first 3 digits of phone number) separate with commas, leave no spaces
559	568 <input type="checkbox"/>
If your application includes INELIGIBLE entities, check here. <input type="checkbox"/> If checked, complete Item 18.	

##### 17. Billed Entities

List the entity/entities that will be paying the bills directly to the provider for the services requested in this application. These are known as Billed Entities. At least one line of this item must be completed. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Entity	Entity Number
STRATHMORE UNION ELEM SCH DIST	143900

##### 18. Ineligible Participating Entities

Does your application also seek bids on services to entities that are not eligible for the Universal Service Program? If so, list those entities here (attach pages if needed):